

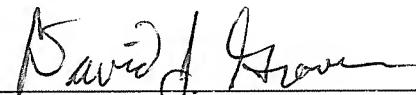
REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments. Claims 12, 13, 18, 24, and 26 were identified as allowable in the Advisory Action of March 9, 2007. In a telephone interview on April 17, 2007, Examiner Katherine Mitchell agreed that claims 30 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, due to the Advisory Action's withdrawal of the rejection under Collister (USP 5,507,611) set forth in the Final Office Action.

By entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 8, 23, and 27-29 have been canceled, and claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of the base claim on which it had depended. Consequently, claims 12, 13, 18, 24, 26, 30, and 31 (all pending claims) are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims of this application is respectfully solicited. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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